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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Von Herzen et al. Art Unit : 3628  
Serial No. : 09/741,136 Examiner : Poinvil, F.  
Filed : 12/15/2000  
Title : Electronically Transmitted Payment System

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND NOTICE**  
**AND INTERVIEW REPORT**

Dear Sir:

The Office issued a new Office Action dated September 13, 2004, containing a species election requirement. Because of some difficulty in understanding the Examiner's intent on certain points, the undersigned conducted a telephone interview in late September 2004. Further, the Office separately issued a Notice Regarding Benefit/Priority Claim, also dated September 13, 2004.

Assignee, which has assumed prosecution of this application, hereby submitted a further amendment to the benefit/priority claim, a response to the notice re: benefit and to the species election requirement, an interview report, and certain accompanying remarks. A credit card authorization for \$55, for an extension of time of one month, is enclosed. Assignee has previously qualified as a small entity.

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**Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §61.6, 1.8**

I hereby certify that this paper is being sent to the  
Commissioner for Patents this 18th day of October, 2004,  
before midnight Eastern time, via facsimile, fax No.  
703-872-9306, by:

(name) Donald L. Hertz (signature) 

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